

TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 4.14-B

State of Colorado

MULTIPLE UTILIZATION REVIEW METHODS FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE (ICF/MR)
AND NURSING FACILITIES

The State Agency has contracted with the Colorado Foundation for Medical Care (a Federally certified Peer Review Organization) in accordance with 42 CFR 431.630 to assume direct responsibility for assuring that all the Utilization Control requirements at 42 CFR 456.250 - 438 are met for nursing and intermediate care (ICF/MR) facilities. As part of these functions, the PRO shall have binding authority in the admission certification and recertification of recipients under Medicaid; and, in addition, shall review plans of care. In order to assure the satisfactory performance of the PRO in these activities, the Director of the Long Term Care Section of the Division of Health and Medical Services or his appointee will be responsible for direct monitoring and evaluation of the PRO. This is accomplished through personal visits to the PRO, direct consultation and reviews of specific case records, submission by the PRO of monthly review activity reports, and the examination and approval of the review criteria developed and used by the PRO. Furthermore, the Director of the Long Term Care Section or his appointee will be a participating member of the Coordinating Committee whose function it is to oversee the entire Utilization Control process.

Inspections of Care requirements for intermediate care facilities (ICF/MR), at 42 CFR 456.600 will be conducted by the Colorado Department of Health under a separate contract with the State Agency. Inspections of Care requirements for institutions for mental diseases at 42 CFR 456.600 will be conducted by the Colorado Foundation for Medical Care, under a separate contract with the State Agency. These contracts specify that HHS and the State Agency may monitor and evaluate the performance of these contracts, and shall have access to all records maintained by the contractors pursuant to their agreements. Both contracts contain provisions for the termination of the contracts within 90 days of notification by the Colorado Department of Social Services. Furthermore, both contracts specify that all records are to be maintained in accordance with 42 CFR Part 74 and that the PRO and the Department of Health will safeguard recipient information as required by Subpart F, Part 431, of 42 CFR.

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